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President Marvin Mericle

President's Message

Well, my first board meeting as president went great! I believe the board reflected its thoughts and ideas as to where CSNS should be and where it is going: still supporting the hobby everyday. Most of the items addressed by our board are reported by our secretary-treasurer elsewhere in the pages of this edition of *The Centinel*.

Our board approved a special set of medals to be issued in conjunction with our St. Louis show using the theme of Lewis and Clark. More details are also found elsewhere within this issue.

A special notice had to be sent to the numismatic publications and to the ANA due to someone distributing a flyer at the recent Silver Dollar & Rare Coin Exposition in St. Louis. The flyer turned out to be a prank aimed at a specific dealer. A notice reflecting a change in the dates of our show had several people calling to check about our dates. For everyone's information, **the St. Louis CSNS Show is still scheduled for May 5-8, 2005.**

I want to apologize to Ms. Kathy Sarosi!! I have never met this lady, but hope to one of these days. If you read in the fall issue of *The Centinel*, there is a statement "CSNS is undoubtedly the only numismatic group that rewards its competitive exhibitors with real gold." Kathy is current president of Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists (PAN) and has taken the time to write and say that they, too, give gold as rewards for exhibits. I stand corrected, but surely am happy to find there is another group that honors those who spend countless hours preparing a labor of love to share with others. I'd like to see all the larger shows follow by example. Thanks, Ms. Sarosi.

I recently attended the Iowa Numismatic Association (INA) annual show. It was being held in my home town of Fort Dodge. As a member of this local club, I have met many of the members whenever I am back in my home town during their monthly meeting. The INA show was a great show, with the hard work of members of the Fort Dodge Coin Club in attendance. Many of these members are part of the INA board and work hard to make a great show. If you ever wonder how large shows can be so great, remember, most is in part to the local club members doing what they enjoy: promoting the hobby.

As also reflected in the pages of this issue is the great representation of CSNS at the Indiana State Numismatic Association (ISNA) show. The location of the show and members of CSNS allowed this to happen. I again want to thank ISNA for putting on a great show and allowing table space for CSNS.

It is my desire that CSNS be represented at all the major shows held within the boundaries of Central States. With that thought, I will be attending the PCDA show in St. Louis. If any club or organization would like members of CSNS to be present at your show, please contact me. Our members would be pleased to help support your club with any service they may do - give talks, be an exhibit judge, or just help.

This has truly been a great year and as it comes to an end, I want to express my thanks to the great board of CSNS, and also wish each of our members a joyful holiday season. We need to take time and be thankful for all we have and the friends that have come our way through this great hobby.

Marvin Mericle

Secretary Jerry Lebo

Secretary's Message

We're sorry to report the death Nov. 8th of my predecessor, Bob Douglas, at the age of 74 in Cedar Rapids, IA. Bob served eight years as CSNS secretary-treasurer following two terms as a governor. Our condolences to Bob's widow, Marilyn, who was a driving force behind the CSNS hospitality suite for a number of years.

Bob joined CSNS in 1974 and held life membership number 281. His obituary appears elsewhere in this issue of *The Centinel.*

Several important decisions were made by your CSNS board of governors during its fall meeting the first weekend of October at Sharonville, a suburb of Cincinnati.

The public bourse hours will now end on Saturday, not Sunday. As most of you know, only a handful of dealers remain for the Sunday bourse hours. Perhaps 50 of the original 300 booths are occupied. Public attendance is slim.

So here is how the bourse will operate, beginning in 2006. We will continue with PNG Day, which will occupy all of Wednesday. Currently PNG dealers set up on Wednesday, then have PNG Day until 3 p.m. Thursday, after which all other dealers set up.

The new plan provides for PNG Day on Wednesday with all other dealers then setting up Thursday morning. This allows PNG to reinstitute a Wednesday night banquet if it so desires. Sometime Thursday afternoon, probably 1 or 2 p.m., the bourse will be opened to the public. There also will be public hours Friday and Saturday.

We will treat the bourse as a giant security room Saturday night for dealers who elect to remain until Sunday. Those dealers will then have until 11 a.m. or so to pick up their stock and depart. They can also do dealer-to-dealer business Sunday morning if they so choose.

Meanwhile, the CSNS board awarded another three-year auction agreement to Heritage Numismatic Auctions. Heritage concludes a three-year deal with CSNS this next spring in St. Louis. The new deal grants Heritage auction rights for 2006-2008.

Another major decision by the board was to eliminate fall conventions beginning in 2006. The board will continue to conduct fall meetings, hopefully in conjunction with local and state coin club shows. CSNS would provide assistance to said organizations in the form of helping with exhibit judging, providing educational forum speakers and the like.

For years CSNS has rented cases for both dealers and exhibitors. The board decided CSNS should own its own cases, and to that extent authorized the purchase of 1,300 cases and racks to hold them.

Still another major decision was made by the board when it voted to increase membership dues for most members. Regular member dues have been $8 annually for more than a decade. Dues will be $10 a year. This is still equal to or less than dues assessed by many other organizations. Foreign members will

begin paying $25 a year. Life memberships will be raised from $125 to $200, which is equal to 20 times the regular dues. YNs will continue paying $1 a year and associate membership will remain at $5 annually.

Minutes of the board meeting appear elsewhere in this issue of *The Centinel.*

Central States was well represented at the Indiana State convention the first weekend in November in Indianapolis. Yours truly was joined by CSNS President Marv Mericle, convention General Chairman Kevin Foley, as well as Patti and Rollie Finner, Harry Tileston and Wendell Wolka. Rollie is *Centinel* Editor, Patti and Wendell are CSNS Governors and Harry is our Immediate Past President.

We also managed to have a Friday night dinner get-together with former CSNS President Leon Hendrickson. Incidentally, Leon's wife, Hamie, is recovering (quite well, we're told) from a recent illness.

Six more clubs became members of Central States during 2004. Welcomed to our ranks were the Kenosha Coin Club of Kenosha, Wis., Palace City Coin & Stamp Club of Mitchell, S.D., Racine Numismatic Society of Racine, Wis., Tri-County Coin Club of New Bremen, Ohio, Red River Valley Coin Club of Fargo, N.D., and the Polish American Numismatic Society of Troy, Mich.

There are now 67 clubs, including both local and state, that belong to CSNS.

I've been collecting the state quarters the old fashioned way: from circulation. Probably not surprisingly, I'm still missing quite a few of them. Perhaps it's a geographical thing and perhaps there just aren't as many quarters in circulation as there could be. People are saving them, after all.

All of the Ps and Ds from 1999 and 2000 have come my way via circulation and they are plugged into the quarter board for those two years. From 2001 I'm still missing the New York P and the North Carolina D. I have everything from 2002 except the two Mississippi quarters.

However, I have found only half of the 2003 issues, lacking the Alabama D, the Maine P, the Missouri D and both Arkansas issues. I'm zero for 2004 thus far, not having found a single one in circulation!

Yes, I have bought and sold the proof-only issues, but the real fun in collecting is trying to find them in circulation. At least that's my perception - enjoying the hunt!

Jerry Lebo

YN Quiz Winners Named

Results of the 2nd Annual CSNS YN Coin Quiz were recently announced with first place going to Francis Musella of Boynton Beach, FL who received a 1/4 oz. U. S. gold eagle. Second place (a 2004 U. S. silver proof set) went to Katie Heinrich of Cleves, OH, and 3rd place winner was Max Spiegel of Brooklyn, NY who received a 2004 traditional U. S. proof set.

Other participants were Sarah Dembinski, Wayne, MI; Alanna Winters, Jonesboro, IN; Jay Feldman, Red Bank, NJ; Andy Saunders, Columbus, OH; Alison Oen, Eden Prairie, MN; and Christopher Ohanian, Sunrise, FL.

Membership Applications

The persons named below have applied for membership in the Society. Each applicant will become a member in 30 days, unless a written objection to his or her application is received by the Secretary-Treasurer prior to that date.

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ROBERT E. DOUGLAS
~ 1930 - 2004 ~

Longtime Iowa numismatist Robert E. Douglas died from a stroke Nov. 8th in Cedar Rapids at the age of 74.

At different times during his numismatic career, he held all offices for the Cedar Rapids Coin Club and the Iowa Numismatic Association. He was elected to the CSNS board of governors for two terms, 1982-1986, followed by terms as secretary-treasurer from 1986-1994. Bob was a life member of all three organizations and in 1988 received Central States' highest honor, the Medal of Merit.

He and his wife, Marilyn, also owned and operated MBM Coins for 10 years.

Bob was born July 26, 1930, to M. T. and Jesse (Laird) Douglas, in Fort Dodge, Iowa. He married Marilyn Strickland on Feb. 17, 1952, in Fort Dodge.

A graduate of Fort Dodge Junior College in 1951, Bob served with the Iowa National Guard's 133rd Infantry Regiment and received an honorable discharge after nine years, holding the rank of Sergeant First Class.

Bob was employed for 30 years at Rockwell Collins as a technical writer until his retirement in 1989. Besides numismatics, his many interests and hobbies included model railroads, genealogy, music, woodworking, birds, fishing, stamps and computers.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; his children, Lynn (Ed) Mann of Cedar Rapids, IA; Gail (Brion) Wenhardt, of Marion, IA; Douglas, of Eagan, MN; Lori (Don) Fritz, of Shellsburg; a sister Patricia (Ralph) Dunbar; plus numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Services with military honors were held Nov. 11 at Sharon United Methodist Church in Cedar Rapids with Rev. Gary Dobbins officiating.

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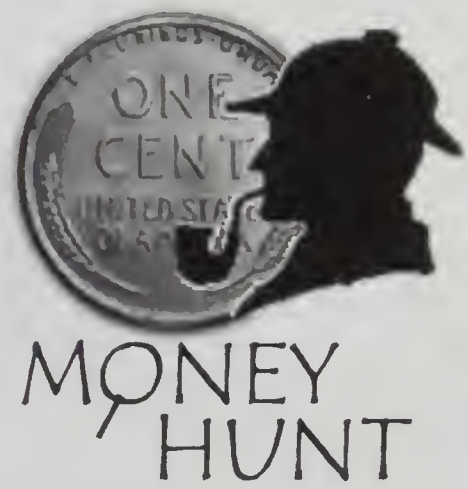

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You are invited to join us in the first Central States Numismatic Society's Money Hunt at the 66th CSNS Convention in St. Louis, Missouri.

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Central States Numismatic Society

Board of Governors Meeting, Oct. 1, 2004

LivINN Suites, Sharonville, OH

President Marvin Mericle called the meeting to order at 3 p.m. All board members attended except Bill Brandimore and Ray Lockwood, both of whom were excused.

There was a moment of silence for deceased members.

Wendell Wolka motioned and Patti Finner seconded to accept the minutes of the spring 2004 board meeting. Approved.

Glen Jorde motioned and Patti Finner seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Approved.

President Mericle appointed Ray Lockwood and Bob Kutcher to serve as the Medals Committee.

Jack Huggins said the Finance Committee found no discrepancies in its audit of the treasurer's records. Harry Tileston said a better definition is needed of the duties of the Finance/Treasury Oversight Committee. He then presented an updated definition and moved it be accepted. Seconded by Jorde. Approved.

Editor Rollie Finner said *The Centinel* received a third place award in the annual ANA publications contest after ANA initially overlooked the entry. He said he plans to continue using an envelope rather than switching to a wrapper to package each copy of *The Centinel* for mailing. He also said ad revenue amounts to about $1,500 per issue and that more ads could be used. He also needs to know when extra copies of *The Centinel* are needed for distribution at shows. He is also considering a plan to scan all past *Centinels* onto a computer disk.

Mericle, who also is archivist, said the archives have grown considerably during the past few years. He will update a list of the material on hand.

Huggins said the Exhibit Committee has no objections to suggestions from the Convention Coordinators' Committee which called for better gifts for exhibit judges and to eliminate the naming of certain exhibit awards in honor of individuals from year to year.

Patti Finner presented a 50-State Quarter booklet she developed, along with a Money Story video and booklet. Bill Kamb motioned and Kutcher seconded to appropriate $1,000 for one year to finance distribution of these items to school teachers.

Patti Finner outlined plans for a YN treasure hunt during the 2005 St. Louis convention.

Jorde motioned and Kutcher seconded to award an ANA summer seminar scholarship to YN Francis Musella providing certain conditions are met.

The board then endorsed awarding an adult scholarship. Don Charters was to identify the recipient.

Wolka discussed potential guidelines for teachers to win scholarships to the ANA seminar to attend the Coins in the Classroom course. He will draft a specific proposal.

Convention General Chairman Kevin Foley said he would like to proceed with negotiations to have the 2008 spring anniversary convention in Chicago. P. Finner motioned and Tileston seconded for Foley to proceed. Approved.

Following discussion of future show schedules, Jorde

motioned and Wolka seconded to eliminate Sunday public show hours and institute a show schedule that features PNG Day on Wednesday, followed by dealer setup early Thursday and then public hours later Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The bourse would then be a giant security room Saturday night, allowing dealers to return Sunday to pick up their stock and depart by 11 a.m. Approved. Foley and Bourse Chairman Jerry Lebo are to discuss a possible rebate incentive for dealers.

The board then discussed the status of fall CSNS conventions. Jorde motioned and Paul Padget seconded to proceed with a 2005 fall convention in Dearborn, Mich. Approved. Padget then moved and Jorde seconded to eliminate fall conventions beginning in 2006. Approved.

Huggins said the Exhibit Committee and Chair will adhere to an April 15 deadline for receiving exhibitor applications.

Huggins said he has filed a request with the Internal Revenue Service to change its recognition of CSNS from social club to educational organization. No decision has been made yet by the IRS.

P. Finner motioned and Tileston seconded to increase annual dues to $10 for regular members and $25 for foreign members, and to increase the life membership fee to $200, effective Jan. 1, 2005. Approved 6-3.

A board travel policy outlined by Mericle was presented. Jim Moores moved and Huggins seconded to accept the policy and increase the mileage allowance to 37 cents per mile. Approved.

The board recessed for dinner at 5:30 p.m., then reconvened at 7 p.m.

Kutcher motioned and Tileston seconded to appropriate $5,000 to develop a Lewis and Clark set of medals for distribution during the 2005 St. Louis convention. Approved.

Following discussion, there was a consensus among board members to scale back the Friday night activities in the spring convention hospitality suite.

Mericle motioned and Charters seconded to appropriate $110,000 for CSNS to purchase its own display and exhibit cases and to build storage racks to hold them. Approved.

There was a brief discussion of the complaint process but no motion was made.

Jorde motioned and Kamb seconded to increase the CSNS board travel budget to $7,000 a year. Approved. (This involves board members traveling to represent CSNS at other conventions, meetings, etc.)

P. Finner motioned and Tileston seconded to purchase 5,000 quarter boards when the next issue is released next year. Approved.

There was an executive session during which the board awarded a three-year (2006-2008) auction rights contract to Heritage Numismatic Auctions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Lebo, Secretary-Treasurer

Officials in Action!

CSNS officials, meeting for hours during the Oct. 1-3 Greater Cincinnati Numismatic Expo, covered a multitude of Society business matters. *The Centinel* cameraman watched through the lens and caught some of them "in action!" From top to bottom, left page, are Wendell Wolka; Sec. Jerry Lebo; Jim Moores, Harry Tileston and Jack Huggins; and Bill Kamb, Don Charters and Atty. Rob Green. Above are Glen Jorde; and Pres. Marv Mericle.

Classroom Teaching Aids Offered

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Educating school children and budding coin collectors was a major topic of discussion as officers and the governing board of Central States Numismatic Society met recently for their fall business meeting in the Cincinnati, Ohio, suburb of Sharonville.

Meeting during the recently concluded 21st Annual Greater Cincinnati Numismatic Expo, October 1-3, CSNS officials agreed to move forward with an ambitious program that will make teaching aids and educational materials available to school teachers throughout the Central States area.

Based in part on teaching materials produced by the U. S. Mint in the early 1990s and now long out of production, the educators' kits feature "The Money Story," a 33 minute video tape that explains the whys and wherefores of money, finance, and economics, takes the viewer on a tour of minting facilities, and explains the basics of coin collecting. History and geography are equally incorporated into the program. Accompanied by an easy-to-follow 32-page illustrated teacher's manual, the original Mint program has been expanded to include illustrations and information on the 50 State Quarter Program and other hobby related topics.

"If we wish for the hobby to continue and to expand during the years ahead, we need to get our message to our young people," according to the program supervisor Patti Finner, CSNS governor from Wisconsin. "And what better way of doing so than through our school classrooms," she told fellow governors. Board members and officers in attendance concurred.

Teresa Earhart, teacher at Cincinnati's Winton Montessori School, center, was the first educator presented with a Central States numismatic teacher kit by CSNS President Marv Mericle and Governor Patti Finner.

Teacher kits - 20 of them - went home with Lisa Miholer when she left the Michigan State / Thanksgiving weekend convention in Dearborn. Provided by CSNS, the educational materials (plus 600 state quarter boards) were destined for use in Miholer's school system in Stow, OH where she teaches. Pictured are Lisa and her daughter, Sarah, with CSNS VP Bill Brandimore and Gov. Patti Finner.

Funded entirely by CSNS, the teacher kits are being made available at no charge to teachers who submit requests but with the stipulation that when not in use, the kits be made available to their fellow teachers.

Interestingly, the first teacher kit was presented to Teresa Earhart of Cincinnati's Winton Montessori School, as she visited the coin show. Presentation was made by CSNS President Marvin Mericle and Governor Finner.

More information on the program and on the availability of teacher kits may be had from Patti Finner by calling 715-445-4787 or 445-3468, e-mailing pfinner@athenet.net, or writing to PO Box 296, Iola, WI 54945.

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From the Convention Chairman

Our 66th anniversary convention, scheduled for May 3-8, 2005, at the St. Louis America's Center, will be here before you know it. We'll once again have a world class lineup of numismatic auctions, featuring both a Heritage Galleries & Auctioneers coin sale and a Currency Auctions of America paper money offering. The Central States Numismatic Society convention is becoming increasingly significant each year, both in terms of the number and breadth of dealers in our bourse as well as the quality and rarity of the material included in our auctions. I know there are any number of numismatic gatherings that are justifiably able to consider themselves as significant events, but very few have risen to become one of the two or three that simply must be included on the calendar of any dealer who wants to keep his pulse on the marketplace and be part of the definition of the latest trends in the numismatic marketplace. Similarly, the CSNS convention is one of those few events that collectors save their money to come to and dealers put back special items to be able to offer to the collecting public for the first time. This combination helps make our event one that dealers and collectors look forward to with enthusiasm each year, whether the market is up, down or moving sideways.

We'll once again have the special "by invitation only" Professional Numismatists Guild Day on Thursday, followed by our own CSNS bourse Friday through Sunday, May 6-8, There are only two numismatic conventions that the members of the Professional Numismatists Guild participate in with a special pre-event bourse. Ours is one and this feature is an aspect that contributes to making our event what it has become.

If you look at the list of booth holders at our anniversary convention you'll see one of the things that contribute to the overall vitality of our event, i.e. the broad range of different types of dealers we have. Virtually every collecting specialty is represented by at least several dealers maintaining a significant inventory of material in that area. We also have a wide range of dealers from the largest and most highly capitalized to part-timers using their bourse presence as an opportunity to explore a potential second career. The interaction of these different types and levels of dealers helps contribute to the overall excitement one can always sense in our bourse area.

By the time this message reaches you our bourse area will likely be sold out. Dealers who would like to have their names placed on the waiting list should contact our bourse chairman, Jerry Lebo, without delay. His contact information appears elsewhere in *The Centinel*.

Thanks to the continuing dedication of our able exhibit chairperson, Fran Lockwood, every indication is that we'll also once again have the kind of educational exhibit area that has come to characterize our CSNS conventions.

The carefully formed exhibits our attendees are exposed to are much more than simply displays of expensive numismatic items. They are efforts at real scholarship and constitute an invaluable educational opportunity I hope all our participants will take advantage of.

If you are an officer of a numismatic organization and would like to have meeting space in St. Louis for a gathering by your membership or a program you'd like to sponsor in your area of interest, please be in touch with me. Although we have any number of clubs that have held meetings at our convention for some time, newcomers are always welcome. These club meetings afford a good opportunity for specialists in various collecting areas to get together with others who share a similar interest.

One thing I've learned over the years about our CSNS convention goers is that we have some world class procrastinators among our ranks! This year our hotel room block is a bit smaller than we have been used to, so please don't forget to call our headquarters facility, the Holiday Inn Select, to make your reservation. The Holiday Inn Select can be reached at (314) 421-4000. The rate is $99 and you should mention rate code "CSN" to assist the agent in locating our room block. There are several other large events in St. Louis over our dates, so please don't wait to make your reservation. Those who do will likely have to stay at an inconvenient distance from the convention center. We will be sharing the convention with a large medical convention, as well as several smaller meetings, so rooms in St. Louis will be in short supply.

We also have a special discount arrangement with American Airlines. Call American's Convention Services Desk at (800) 433-1790 and mention "Starfile A2045AA" to obtain a discount of from 5%-10% off whatever fare you would otherwise qualify for at the time you make your reservation.

St. Louis ranks very high in the expressed preferences of our attendees when they give their opinions about where they'd like to see our event held. I know our 2003 St. Louis event was characterized by better than typical results for our bourse dealers. The convention committee will be working hard in the weeks ahead to top that effort.

I'm looking forward to seeing many friends in St. Louis, a city I first attended a show at in 1977, arriving at the old Union Station, which was still in regular use, via Amtrak, and have returned to many times over the years, always having an enjoyable time with the easy access to nearby restaurants afforded by the clean and safe light rail system that runs close to the America's Center. Union Station is now a restaurant and shopping destination served by the light rail system, and the Union Station main passenger waiting room I arrived at nearly 30 years ago is now incorporated in the lobby of a Hyatt Hotel.

Judging from the number of calls Bourse Chairman Lebo and I have been receiving about the convention, I'm confident we'll have yet another well attended and active Central States Numismatic Society anniversary convention.

See you all soon!

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The second three-medal set features the same individuals, but Lewis will be struck in natural bronze, Clark in antique bronze, and Jefferson in nickel-silver. The issue price has been set at $20 with no advance sale pricing. Mintage: 100 sets.

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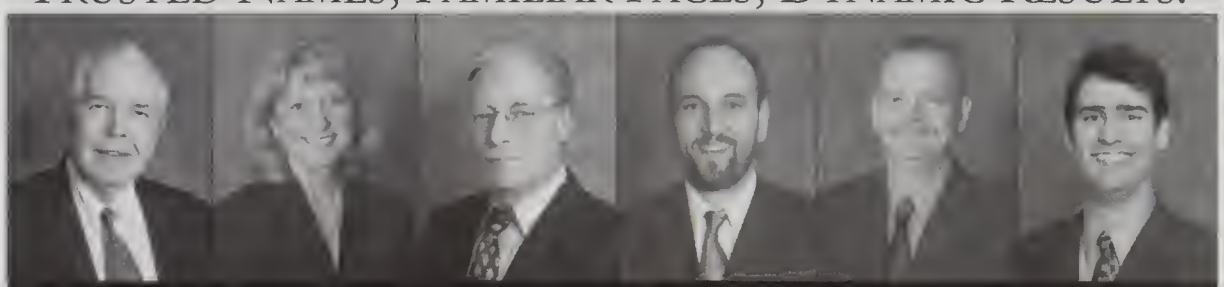

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Designing the Wisconsin Quarter

by Leon A. Saryan

On October 25, 2004, the Wisconsin commemorative quarter, featuring a cow, a wheel of cheese, and an ear of corn, was introduced and released to the American public. The 30th state quarter in the nation's ongoing commemorative quarter series, Wisconsin is the first to feature agriculture as its principal theme. As an appointee and active participant in the work of the Wisconsin Commemorative Quarter Council, I have more than an average interest in this topic. I offer below some personal perspectives on the final product and the process by which it was selected.

The story of how this quarter came to be should be of interest to collectors both in Wisconsin and the country at large. It is hardly a surprise that several articles about the Wisconsin quarter have appeared in the press. The design process was covered by numismatic publications, newspapers and television, the internet, and elsewhere. Among these, two articles stand out: Arlyn Sieber's "Cheese Biz" in the October, 2004, issue of *Numismatist* and Lawrence Barish's "Coining Wisconsin," which appeared in the Autumn, 2004, issue of the *Wisconsin Magazine of History*. Both accounts offer interesting information for numismatic specialists.

Sieber, an editor and executive at Krause Publications in Iola, covered the state quarter from his perspective as a Wisconsin native whose career has been devoted to numismatic publishing. Barish, who served on the Wisconsin Commemorative Quarter Council, works for the Legislative Reference Bureau in Madison and is editor of the *Wisconsin Blue Book*.

Sieber's article in the *Numismatist* immediately caught my attention, and I devoured it as I stood in line at the post office waiting for a package. Except for a small sidebar, his article offered precious little information about how the agricultural design was selected. Rather, the piece read like a catalog of all of the things that we could have (and should have) put on the quarter, and most assuredly, as a committee member, I can affirm that we would have done so had there only been space enough!!

Arlyn was not a member of the Council and did not have the benefit of attending the Council's deliberations. But Cliff Mishler, his associate at KP, was an active participant and had some strong opinions about what should and what should not appear on our quarter. Arlyn's writing does not reflect the give and take that ensued in the deliberations, nor did I detect therein much input from Cliff, and his article is less interesting for this.

Barish, on the other hand, offers a generally fair and balanced account of the process and deliberations that led to the selection of the quarter. I think, however, that Larry's article tends to downplay the controversies that inevitably arose as the process unfolded. These controversies, which reflected differences in political philosophy and perceived constituencies, helped to make the

process interesting and at least for a couple of days made good copy for newspapers around the state.

The Wisconsin Commemorative Quarter Council consisted of 23 appointees from various walks of life and all regions of the state. At the beginning of our deliberations, it was apparent that a number of the members were at least casual coin collectors. Some were much more than that: Cliff Mishler, an executive and close associate of Chet Krause (founder of Krause Publications, the leading numismatic publisher in the country), has been professionally involved in the hobby for more than four decades. Justin Perrault, a college student at the time of the committee's deliberations, is active in the Milwaukee Numismatic Society as well as regional and national numismatic organizations. Modestly, I think the three of us could be considered "numismatists" in the sense that our interests go beyond collecting to reflect the research and study of coins that constitutes numismatic science.

"To create a new quarter, we needed design ideas."

I was appointed to the Quarter Council by then Governor Scott McCallum in late 2001. Well beforehand, I had made several inquiries as to how member selection would occur. I finally decided to write a letter to the Governor, stressing my numismatic credentials, my professional career as a scientist, and my involvement in community affairs. Some suggested that I must have had some inside connection, but I really don't think that the $10 donation I made to the Wisconsin Republican Party played any role in the Governor's choice. I had little idea what to expect, but I was anxious to participate, and I believed that as a scientist and a numismatic researcher I could bring a fairly unique perspective to the process.

To create a new quarter, we needed design ideas. To fill this need, Governor McCallum had appealed to citizens across the state for ideas and drawings. The response was overwhelming. About 10,000 designs and suggestions, mostly from schoolchildren, were submitted and awaiting us when we arrived for the first meeting. Our committee was charged with sifting through the entries and selecting a few to submit to the Governor who would make the final decision.

Having had some time to reflect, I can say that, essentially, the selection process was flawed from the beginning. There is an inherent conflict between, on the one hand, a written design idea (for example, put a cow on the coin), and on the other hand an actual professionally-created piece of artwork (a clear drawing showing how a cow would actually look on a coin). The latter will win every time, because our product, in the final analysis, is not a written dissertation on the glories of this state, but a simple picture, severely limited in size and scope, not more than an inch in diameter. It was inevitable that, as a group, we would give the aesthetic aspect as much or more weight than the thematic. The drawings received from schoolchildren were mostly not technically good enough to present unless someone with artistic ability reworked them. To have had artists at the ready available to translate a concept into a design would have required a budget. Ours was zero—we didn't have money to cover car expenses, and we were told that we were even

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Right from the start, the Council was confronted by the fact that the most popular theme of the received submissions, more than 40%, was agriculture. There is no question that the dairy industry is central to the state's economy, although many hastened to remind us that California now surpasses Wisconsin in some aspects of dairy production. In the final internet voting, agriculture remained the most popular choice.

I believe that the wealth of this state in particular and the nation more generally, is derived from the richness of our soil and our (once ascendant) manufacturing and industrial prowess. Wisconsin has a strong claim in both arenas. My first choice for a quarter, therefore, was a design that would combine agriculture with manufacturing. Our state, of course, is widely recognized as "America's Dairyland." But there is more. We have a huge timber and paper industry, mining, and manufacturing. Milwaukee (along with nearby West Allis, South Milwaukee, and Racine) was once considered the machine shop of America, a city of huge mills and factories, powered by immigrant labor. Milwaukee's industries produced heavy equipment designed to tame nature, to harvest crops, to fight wars, and to extract valuable resources. Wisconsin's products are shipped to every state and to the far corners of the world. But the Council had hardly any designs reflecting the state's manufacturing prowess. One of the few I can recall was a combined design showing a small part of a toothed gear along with a historical or agricultural vignette.

Cliff urged us to avoid using a map of the state, which I frankly disagreed with. I thought an outline map of the state would be fine if tastefully integrated with other symbols (such as South Carolina and Louisiana had achieved). He was much more interested, for example, in using thirty stars to symbolize Wisconsin's rank as the thirtieth state to enter the Union. I think the Council listened respectfully

Henrietta Holsman Fore, (left) Director of the U. S. Mint, and Wisconsin Gov. James and Jessica Doyle shared the excitement of the release of the Wisconsin state quarter at ceremonies, Oct. 25th, in Milwaukee. Forty-five hundred school children were part of the crowd of 5,000 who attended. (Photo courtesy of *Numismatic News*.)

to his views; in the end, neither the state outline nor thirty stars were used.

Many councilors were in favor of a design reflecting history. I endorsed this, but in my estimation we could not come up with any great Wisconsin historical events that could be reduced to a picture. One of the best submissions in this genre was the Old Abe eagle drawn by a talented out-of-state artist who had already submitted winning designs for other states. The drawing was submitted via a state resident who was a friend of the artist. It was a very professional presentation, a stunningly beautiful numismatic eagle that outclassed almost every other eagle in two centuries of United States coinage.

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Eagles are no stranger to American coinage. They have appeared on the reverse of most of our country's coins since the late 18th century. Many of these eagles are rather lifeless (consider the one which appears on the Washington quarter between 1932 and 1998). This Old Abe eagle, however, was special. I was immediately attracted to the design, but was a little put off by the fact that it originated from outside the state, since this was against the spirit (if not the ground rules) of the process. There were other Old Abe submissions as well. But I don't think we (I may be speaking mostly for myself here) were ultimately that impressed with the importance, significance, or symbolism of Old Abe. Also, I despaired of the possibility of educating non-Wisconsinites about the story of this bird.

It was difficult to come up with a compelling historical design. After all, Wisconsin has given the nation no presidents, no Civil War or Revolutionary War battles were fought on its soil, it has no overpowering or distinctive monuments (such as Mt. Rushmore in South Dakota) or really striking buildings; very little of truly pan-national significance has happened here. This is not a fault, it's just a fact. Designs reflecting cultural contact between early explorers and the native inhabitants appeared to offer the best options in this category.

When I was appointed to the Council, my first thought was to combine beer, cheese, and motorcycles, three of our best known products, possibly superimposed on an outline map. A motorcycle was pretty much out of the question since it could be seen as endorsing a particular brand (Harley-Davidson, the only one we make). A generic tractor would have been another option (J. I. Case, Allis-Chalmers), despite the demise of this industry in recent decades. But neither motorcycles nor tractors were the subject of many design submissions.

The great outdoors and scenic Wisconsin themes were popular. Designs combining deer and fish were submitted in great numbers. We had badgers galore (animals, miners, and mascots), violets, birds, elk, muskies, you name it. In the end, the designs submitted in these categories seemed too generic to set our state apart from the others, which of course, also have fish, birds, flowers, animals, etc.

Some advocated placing a design of the state capitol building in Madison on the quarter, on the grounds that ours is the most beautiful capitol in the nation. Unquestionably, we have a beautiful capitol, but the arrogance and rampant provincialism of

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this rationale (from people who in many cases had never ventured beyond the state's borders) was too much for me to stomach. This proposal was finally shelved when one of the Council members, a teacher, reported that his students had panned the capitol concept as a manifestation of the narcissistic bent of public officials.

The erudite state historian, Michael Stevens, wanted to put "Fighting Bob" LaFollette, a turn-of-the-century progressive politician whose views were far to the left of the American mainstream, on the coin. A regular portrait would have been inappropriate, but a full-length image of Lincoln was planned for the Illinois quarter, so this seemed a possibility. However, we had no workable design concept. Stevens also pushed to have the state motto, "Forward," placed on the final product, and got his way on that.

I can't resist making a few more comments about the PC (political correctness) aspect of the design selection process. Some of the councilors were appointed, very obviously but never overtly stated, because they represented various special interest constituencies. One, who claimed he was a collector, turned out to be a thief. Another appointee was a Native American who, if I am not mistaken, missed all but the introductory meeting and thus had virtually no input in the design selection process. Nevertheless, at the very end, she sent e-mails to the other committee members complaining bitterly that the design depicting the Indian should have been chosen. Yet another councilor, from Milwaukee, was unhappy that the artistic submissions did not seem to reflect Wisconsin's "urban community," and he too was minimally involved in the deliberations after the first meeting. And there was a member of the public who attended one of our meetings to lobby in favor of depicting the polka, the state dance, on the new quarter.

The numismatists cautioned against overcrowding the planchet field, and we tried hard to work in concepts of strikeability and metal flow. As it turned out, we hardly needed worry about such things, since the Mint basically covered the technical aspects for us. With the indispensable help of a single dedicated state employee (Rebecca Hogan) who devoted nearly full time to this effort for nearly six months, our group spent three long days winnowing the thousands of design submissions to a manageable number. We voted and made final recommendations to Gov. McCallum, who (I thought) would select no more than a few designs and forward them to the Mint.

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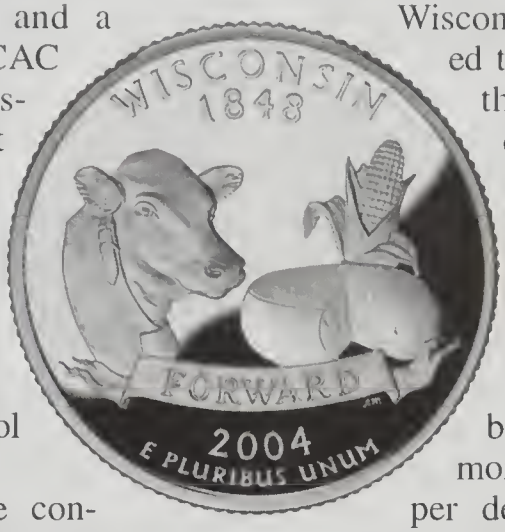
It was my impression that the final decision would be made by the Governor and the mint staff based on technical feasibility. What I didn't clearly appreciate was that all sorts of other agencies would also intervene in the process. Not only the Mint, but also the Citizens Commemorative Coin Advisory Committee and the Commission on Fine Arts each insisted on having their own say about the designs. Towards the end of the process, we learned that none of these agencies were particularly excited by any of our submissions.

While we were working, I was often asked to give summary

updates on the progress of the Quarter Council to local coin clubs. One evening, after I had given a short recap on the Council's work to the South Shore Coin Club, Ken Bressett (a former ANA president and a member of the CCCAC who happened to be visiting Milwaukee that night) insisted that his group had veto power over anything our Council came up with. Until that point, I thought that the states were basically in control of the process.



Another issue concerns the authorship of the design which was selected. The final design was modified somewhat from a drawing submitted by Rose Marty of Monticello, Wisconsin, in conjunction with the Historic Cheesemaking Center, Inc. The Mint assigned one of its engravers to rework the cow design to their specifications, who then placed his initials on what was, in essence, the work of Rose Marty. I believe this has happened in other states as well, and this is unfortunate because it deprives original designers of credit for their contribution.

Before the process was over, Republican Scott McCallum had lost his reelection bid to Democrat Jim Doyle. Governor Doyle, to my surprise, retained the Council intact. He submitted three final designs (reflecting agriculture, history, and scenic themes) for an internet vote, in which hundreds of thousands of citizens participated. The agriculture theme was the clear favorite; despite this, a majority of the councilors advocated in favor of the historical design.

In the end, Governor Doyle made the final design selection against the Council's advice (which was his prerogative), and the Milwaukee newspaper chastised him fairly severely for allegedly "flipping" the Council choice. Nevertheless, Doyle was on firm ground. The various renditions of Wisconsin agriculture reflected the most popular single theme among the designs we received, and the "Cow" design was clearly the preference of those who voted on-line. In the final vote I went with the Cow design, because I felt that it, more than the Indian/trapper design, better reflected the heritage of Wisconsin and the majority of its people.

Some of the councilors felt that the Governor should have respected the advice of the majority of the Council. From the beginning, however, it was my understanding that we were serving in an advisory capacity at the pleasure of the Governor, and that the final decision rested with him. Cynics commented that agriculture was chosen because farmers have more votes than Indians and fur traders combined. Others quipped that the explorer-Indian design was rejected because it reminded people too closely of the controversy surrounding preferential gaming contacts signed with native tribes.

When considering the merits and drawbacks of the various designs, it pays to keep in mind the limitations faced by our committee. We only had a one-inch space on which to work. Design ideas, though plentiful and enthusiastic, were often lacking in technical ability. And, we had no artists under contract (and no funds) to improve a design concept that was otherwise deemed worthy.

On the eve of the quarter

release, numismatists representing clubs around the state gathered at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for a Mint Forum hosted by Henrietta Holsman Fore, the Mint Director. The program was mostly about mint products, but at the end Director Fore was asked to render her opinion on the final Wisconsin design. She said she was pleased with the design and noted that Wisconsin has a coin of which it can be proud. The design conveys the "bounty of the land" and the fact that Wisconsin is the "dairyland of the nation."

I agree. Despite technical and procedural limitations, the newly-released Wisconsin state quarter fairly reflects the economy and heritage of Wisconsin, its people and wealth, and its contribution to the nation. One of the greatest successes of the program is that we were able to engage thousands of Wisconsin schoolchildren and citizens in an exercise focusing on the contributions and significance of this state to our nation.

I would be remiss if I didn't add here that serving on the Wisconsin Quarter Council was a great experience and I feel honored to have been able to play a role in the selection. I met some remarkable people and had a chance to become acquainted with two governors. There were dozens of really excellent ideas, and it was a shame that we could not do something with some of the designs that didn't make the final cut. I am still haunted by that rendition of Old Abe...

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Keep in mind that 'proof' is actually not a condition, but a method of manufacture. Proof coins are specially struck for collectors or for presentation purposes, and are considered to be the finest examples of the coiner's art. Over the years, the mint experimented with different methods of making proof coins, and not all met with acclaim from collectors.

Matte proofs were made in the early twentieth century. The Lincoln cents and Buffalo nickels were made this way in their early years. Although the silver coins of these years were struck in the familiar brilliant proof, the cents and nickels were made with the matte surfaces. The coins had the same full strike and details, and are perhaps the finest struck of their series.

But they weren't very popular with collectors. Many preferred the brighter surfaces, and disliked the mattes to the point where they would be spent! More than a few matte specimens have been purchased as circulated pieces, or were saved when someone recognized the full strike and squared-off edges that differentiate these special coins from circulation strikes. One wonders how many of these specially made coins have been lost due to the dissatisfaction of the collectors who ordered them.

A few of the early commemorative half dollars are known in matte proof. The unique Missouri half dollar in proof is a matte proof. This coin, hard to find in choice mint state, makes a beautiful matte proof. I have also seen the three Arkansas half dollars from the three mints struck in matte proof.

Matte proofs were made by pickling the coins in acid.

The matte proofs made a comeback recently when certain mint products (specially struck Jefferson nickels in 1994 and 1997, and a 1998 Kennedy half dollar) were made with this surface. These coins were popular with collectors of

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modern issues and command good prices today.

Collectors at the beginning of the twentieth century had their pick of proof surfaces, although the brilliant proofs remained the favorite. The Roman finish proof gold coins of these years did not show the bright surfaces of the familiar brilliant proofs, although the strikes were proof quality. The St. Gaudens double eagle, perhaps America's most beautiful coin, had a few specimens struck in Roman finish proof. These coins do not show the flashy luster of the brilliant proofs but show more satiny surfaces; some show a brownish or olive-green tone. These specimens look more like fine sculptures than coins and are lovely products of the mint. Such pieces are rare today and are sometimes sold at auctions at major conventions.

The satin proof coins show a brighter surface than the matte proofs; the Roman finish gold coins are similar to the satin proofs. Certain Buffalo nickels of 1936, along with some gold coins and rare 1921 Peace dollars, were struck in satin proof.

Collectors of commemorative coins may be aware of the Hawaiian half dollar struck in sandblast proof. Only fifty of these were made. Some gold coins of the 1908 era were also made in sandblast proof. The name 'sandblast' comes from the method of manufacture; both sides of the coin were sprayed with fine particles of sand after striking.

There is nothing like a blazing, brilliant proof coin, still a favorite among collectors. More modern proofs have the 'frosted' effect. In recent years, the mint has taken care to make more of the coins with frosted devices. It used to be that only the first few coins struck on the die would show frosting. I remember owning a 1969-S proof set, ordered from the mint, with a beautiful frosted Kennedy half dollar. I was happy with this coin, and in fact, I wish I still had it!

Most proof coins were made in Philadelphia with a very few being made at branch mints, such as the 1893-CC dollar, struck when the Carson City mint ceased operations. Starting in 1968 proofs were made in San Francisco. Proof sets are popular with collectors and with anyone desiring a special gift for a special occasion: the birth of a baby, an anniversary. Some people, who do not specialize in proof coins or sets, want just one set - a proof set of their birth year.

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ICTA Update for 2004

As you may know, ICTA is the national association that interacts with federal and state government legislatures and agencies on behalf of coin dealers and anyone with an interest in the numismatic and precious metals field. Contrary to what many believe, government regulations are NOT a dealers-only problem because it is the customers, collectors like CSNS members, who are the actual target of these laws.

For example:

1. Sales taxes are paid by collectors; dealers merely collect them.
2. Laws requiring fingerprinting identify customers, not dealers.
3. Various reports to government agencies are designed to identify customers, not dealers. These include information reports to local law enforcement as well as federal agencies such as the IRS.
4. Unfavorable state taxation laws deter dealers from attending shows in those taxing states, which reduces your access to a wide variety of dealers.

The following is a summary of some of the issues ICTA is monitoring that have a direct impact on CSNS members:

USA PATRIOT ACT: SECTION 352 UPDATE

These cash reporting/anti-money laundering regulations have the most immediate impact on dealers. Dealers are required by law to submit forms, such as the IRS/FinCEN form 8300, when customers pay a dealer with cash, or certain other payment methods that are considered cash for these purposes.

The latest word we get from U.S. Treasury is that the final regulations for Section 352 of the USA PATRIOT Act will most likely be published in December, 2004. Section 352 specifically targets dealers in precious metals, stones, and jewelry. As a result of ICTA's discussions with Treasury officials, we believe the changes to Section 352 will be administrative in nature, requiring more record-keeping by dealers in coins, precious metals, stones, jewelry, etc.

COINS IN IRAS

Regardless of whether you favor certified legal tender U.S. coins as acceptable investments, this issue has far more important repercussions than whether they can be included in your IRA or other self-directed retirement plan.

***Sales Tax Exemptions** - There are currently 26 states that exempt rare coins and precious metals from sales taxes. ICTA, in conjunction with in-state dealers, has achieved 21 of these exemptions (5 states do not levy a sales tax at all). Each exemption has been achieved after much hard work and sometimes years of effort. Every exemption has been successfully enacted based on the investment aspect of coins and precious metals. If coins and metals had no investment characteristics, they would still be considered the same as a pair of shoes for sales tax purposes.

***Interstate Transactions Exempt From Sales Taxes** - If your state still has a sales tax, it is likely that you have made purchases from dealers out-of-state since the dealer will not be required to charge you the sales tax once he/she ships the package across state lines. Technically the customer is liable for something called the "use tax" which is the same percentage as the sales tax. States have a hard time collecting that tax, and for years they have fought to be able to force out-of-state businesses to collect it.

Internet business has opened a huge window of opportunity for the states to get the U.S. Congress to grant them the power to collect tax across state lines. The states are citing huge tax revenue losses because of internet commerce as well as fairness to "main street" brick and mortar businesses in their states as the rationale for this change. There are many in Congress who would favor granting this power to the states.

William Duncan, chief legislative aide for US Rep. Ernest Istook has stated: "The longer we wait, the more pressure there will be to bail out the states. Last year, internet sales increased by 35%. We're just helping states collect a tax already due them, and when you have states like California, which lost $3.65 billion last year and this year is struggling for revenues, it becomes a no-brainer for Representatives to get behind the bill. And they are."

The SSTP (Simplified Sales Tax Plan) is a cooperative effort by the states that has created a plan for "simplified" tax collection for out-of-state businesses that may be approved by Congress in the next few years. Most states have signed onto the plan and already many major companies, such as Wal-Mart and Target, are voluntarily complying.

There are certain provisions in this agreement that threaten to eliminate sales tax exemptions that have either a cap or a minimum transaction amount to trigger the exemption. This applies to most of the sales tax exemptions for rare coins and precious metals. Not only would states that currently tax coins be able to force you to pay the tax across state lines, there likely would be few if any exemptions left at all.

***VAT or Federal Sales Tax** - There is also a very serious interest in revamping the U.S. tax code. One likely scenario is to reduce income tax percentage rates and to make up the revenue shortfall via a federal sales tax. This is called a VAT (Value Added Tax) in Europe; it is the GST (Goods & Services Tax) in Canada. In the UK it is a 17% tax; the percentage is even higher in other European countries. It is important to note that the powerful Speaker of the House, Dennis Hastert (R-IL), is on record as being in FAVOR of this tax.

Will such a tax have broad appeal? Well, who **doesn't** want to get rid of or at least reduce the federal income tax? A national sales tax will be touted as replacing (or supplementing) the income tax, and is likely to have considerable appeal. Former House of Representatives member Jimmy Hayes warned our industry a number of years ago about this and that it was not a matter of IF this tax would become a reality, but rather WHEN. Part of the appeal, he added, would likely be the elimination of federal income tax on lower income taxpayers.

A VAT type tax would be a sales tax ADDED on top of any state sales taxes. You can imagine how detrimental a VAT would be to the rare coin business and hobby. If we assume a VERY conservative 10% figure for the VAT and an average of 6% state sales tax, that means that for every $100 you spend on

coins you would have to pay an additional $16 in taxes. That's a 16% reduction in your coin budget. And that's AFTER you've already paid income tax on those "disposable income" dollars.

Passing the Coins in IRAs legislation will establish certified rare coins as acceptable investment products, thereby changing the status from mere consumer products to investment products. Investment items, such as stocks and bonds, are usually exempted from national and state sales taxes. The benefits of such exemptions are obvious, and directly affect every coin dealer, collector and investor. If rare coins continue to be classified as consumer goods it will be impossible to retain state exemptions for them, and they will have no standing for an exemption from any federal tax plan.

Congress has been suffering political gridlock this past year because of the very close balance of Republicans and Democrats and, of course, the presidential election. Hundreds, if not thousands, of bills have been caught in this quagmire where nothing is accomplished. Now that the election is over and the Republican majority is a little stronger, the new Congress should be more inclined to get back to work come January, 2005. We know that pension reform will be an important issue in this next session of Congress, and we plan to get the Coins in IRAs language into any relevant bill.

NOTE: This is not a high profile issue that gets politicians re-elected. Constituent letters, faxes and emails will play a large role in getting this accomplished. Please keep this in mind when we ask you to contact your members of Congress. If you don't let your members of Congress know that you care, they have little reason to do anything about it.

These are some of the most critical issues we have been dealing with this year. We also worked with the California Coin & Bullion Dealers Assn. to defeat a bill proposed by the state pawnbrokers association that would have required coin dealers to fingerprint customers as well as report all purchases of coins and precious metals to law enforcement and other onerous provisions. While this battle was in California this year, the pawnbrokers' national association would like these same provisions enacted in other states also. We expect this issue to come up again in California, and have sent alerts to dealers in the other states to let us know if such a bill surfaces elsewhere.

ICTA is supported solely by member dues and donations. Thanks to the CSNS for its faithful support of ICTA that is critical in our work to protect all CSNS members from detrimental laws and regulations. For more information about ICTA go to www.ictaonline.org. Or contact us at 504-392-0023; 410-626-7005.

Attention, Coin Clubs!

If you'd like to see the news & happenings of your club covered within the pages of *The Centinel*, drop a note to the editor... let him know what's happening! And send good quality photos, too, for consideration.

Feel free to send news of your club happenings, special events and upcoming shows. Remember that *The Centinel* is a quarterly publication, so send information on coming affairs as early as possible!

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History of Central States

Part 8

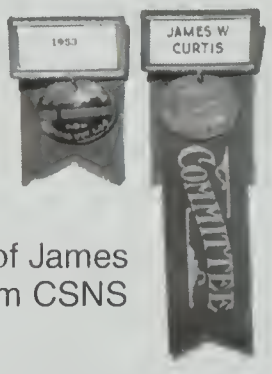
1953 was historic for Central States, in at least four respects! 1. The first official publication, *The Sentinel*, was born; 2. The first convention medallic convention badge was issued to convention registrants; 3. The first awarding of Past President and Medal of Merit Awards; and 4. the first Interim/Fall meeting of the board of governors was held.

May 1-3, 1953, were the dates of the 11th Anniversary Convention held in Chicago's LaSalle Hotel. Chairman Glenn Smedley announced that the registration fee of $1.00 was a "depression rate to combat inflation." The registration fee did include the first-ever medallic badge, good looking oval-shaped golden design featuring the CSNS logo on one side and the location and dates on the other. Four-hundred badges were contracted and all were handed out by the morning of May 2.

Glenn Ostrander, exhibit chairman, announced that all exhibitors would have their names printed in the official convention program. He stated: "No collector of numismatic material will deny that outside of owning certain items, the greatest pleasure derived from collecting coins comes from exhibiting." He further advised: "Again, a reminder, not how much or how rare, but how attractive and how described is important."

The convention featured a two-session auction conducted by R. Green of Chicago and included the collection of Ragnar Cederlund, former ANA vice-president. Among the 44 dealers who manned the bourse were: Art Kelley, Aubrey & Adeline Bebee, the Kagin brothers (Art and Paul), James Kelly, New Netherlands Coin Co., and the Numismatic Gallery (Abe Kosoff) of California. The 44 dealer number set a record with the closest being 36 at the 1950 / Milwaukee ANA convention.

The convention was held in the LaSalle Hotel, in the heart of Chicago. A large room was reserved for the ladies, complete with a television receiver! The ladies also participated in a field trip to world-famous Marshall Field's department store.



1953 - Chicago: Member and committee name badges with medallic pendants first appeared at the 1953 Chicago convention, during the presidency of James W. Curtis. (Badges from CSNS archives.)

The 1953 Chicago Coin Club's *Bulletin* declared that the CSNS convention was the "most important event in the recent history of the Chicago Coin Club." It listed convention statistics such as: attendance, 499 from 32 states; a banquet which included a beef dinner and bottle of wine at each table, attended by 245 guests. During the banquet, the first-ever silver medals were presented to eight Past-CSNS Presidents, and six first-ever bronze Medals of Merit were awarded to Lillard Culver, Earl Brown, James Curtis, Paul Ginther, Glenn Smedley and Richard

Yeoman. Lee Hewitt, "founding father" of Central States, was given a gold medal inscribed "Honorary President."

At the Sunday business session, Milwaukee was selected as the site for the 1954 - 12th anniversary - convention. According to an article in Volume One, Issue One, of the new *Sentinel*, two innovations were to appear in Milwaukee. First, a complete listing of members would appear in the convention's Official program. Second, a display case housing the Past-Presidents' Medals and the Medals of Merit would be found in the exhibit area.

Prior to the 1954 Milwaukee convention, two issues of the new *Sentinel* were published. The first issue, dated October, 1953, noted these membership statistics: "CSNS is growing: May, 1952 - 109 members; May, 1953 - 160 members; August, 1953 - 207 members. CSNS President James W. Curtis promoted a goal of 400 members by May, 1954. Regular members were urged to purchase a life membership for $15.00! The first *Sentinel* editor was Elston G .Bradfield of the *Chicago Tribune* staff. And the first-ever interim CSNS board meeting was held on Saturday, Oct. 31, 1953, at the Chicago Coin Club's annual show.

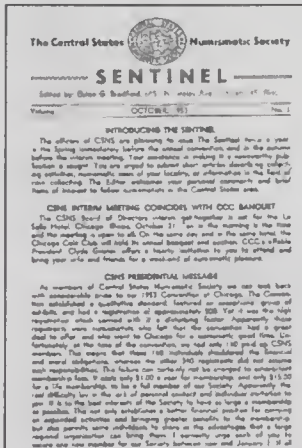
The 1954 CSNS convention was held in Milwaukee's Hotel Pfister, April 30-May 2. Registration fee was again $1.00 which included a medallic badge. Banquet tickets were on an actual cost basis with all other activities free. Forty-two members attended the business meeting. The Central States treasury showed a balance of $400 with a membership of 278 (224 regular, 51 life and 3 "corporate").

Convention registration totaled 506, a new record, with 54 dealers, also a new record, and an auction called by Numismatic Gallery of California. Twenty-six exhibitors used 57 cases. The first place exhibit winner was Verne DeRemer for his "Development and Manufacture of Coinage." The CSNS plaque for Best in Show went to James Curtis for his exhibit of articles used as money during the past 2000 years.

Other than the usual numismatic activities, the convention featured tours of the city and its world-famous breweries, a night Milwaukee Braves baseball game, and programs for the ladies. The bronze Medal of Merit was bestowed on Elston G. Bradfield, *Sentinel* editor and assistant editor of ANA's *The Numismatist*.

New officers elected were: President - C. C. "Tim" Shroyer of Toledo; vice president - Erwin Gerber of Milwaukee; and secretary-treasurer - Earl Brown of Chicago. The new board of governors included Harry X Boosel, Harold Brown, James Buchbinder, Ivan Ebeling, Lloyd Gettys, Sol Kaplan, Richard Kenney, Mark Nelson and Glenn Smedley.

The Fall, 1954, interim board meeting was again held in conjunction with the Chicago Coin Club's annual show, and the 1955 convention was awarded to the Detroit Coin Club.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INTRODUCING THE SENTINEL

The officers of CSNS are planning to issue The Sentinel twice a year - this Spring immediately before the annual convention, and in the autumn before the interim meeting. Your contribution - a meeting is announced, a coin location a source! You are urged to submit short articles describing colleges, any collection, numismatic news of your locality, or information in the field of coin collecting. The Editor welcomes your personal comments and brief items of interest to fellow numismatists in the Central States area.

CSNS INTERIM MEETING COINCIDES WITH CCC BANQUET

The CSNS Board of Directors interim get together is set for the La Salle Hotel Chicago Illinois, October 31 so is the morning to the time and the meeting is open to all. On the same day, and in the same hotel, the Chicago Coin Club will hold its annual banquet and auction. CCC's Program President Clyde Greene offers a hearty invitation to you to attend and bring your wife and friends for a weekend of numismatic pleasure.

CSNS PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

As members of Central States Numismatic Society we can look back with commendable pride to our 1953 Convention at Chicago. The Convention has established a qualifying standard featured an exceptional group of exhibits, and had a registration of approximately 508. Yet it was the high registration which seemed with it a disturbing factor. Apparently those registrants were numismatists who, for their participation had a great deal to offer and who went to Chicago for a permanent, good time. Unfortunately, at the time of the convention, we had only 180 paid up CSNS members. This means that these 140 individuals shouldered the financial and moral obligations, whereas the other 340 registrants did not assume such responsibilities. The future can certainly not be arranged for semi-interested members in force. If costs only $1.00 a year for membership and only $15.00 for a life membership, to be a full member of our Society. Apparently the real difficulty lies in the act of personal conduct and individual motivation to join. It is to the best interests of the Society to have as large a membership as possible. The cost only establishes a better financial position for carrying on augmented activities and bringing greater benefits to the membership, but also permits more individuals to share in the advantages that a large regional organization can bring them. I earnestly urge each of you to secure one new member for our Society between now and January 1 of all

1953 - First Issue of the Sentinel: Late in 1953, the literary efforts of Elston Bradfield produced the Sentinel, later renamed The Centinel, for the CSNS membership. The Society's journal has been published continuously for more than 50 years.

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My Exhibit Title is_____

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Are you a first-time CSNS exhibitor? _____YES_____NO

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— Dr. Lewis Feuchtwanger

Dr. Lewis Feuchtwanger was a remarkable man by any standard. He was a physician, druggist, scientist and proponent of using German Silver as a substitute for other metals he considered harmful to the public's health.

Born in Fürth, Bavaria, in 1805, he graduated from Heidelberg University, earned a medical degree in 1827, and immigrated to the United States two years later.

The German Silver metal he found so intriguing was neither German nor silver. It was an alloy of nickel and copper that had been developed in England for use as a substitute for the more expensive metal in the manufacture and plating of household goods and jewelry. Dr. Feuchtwanger was the first to introduce the new alloy to this country, where he used it to manufacture many household items including spoons, forks, butter knives, sugar tongs and napkin rings. As a promotional ploy, he called the metal "Feuchtwanger's Composition."

During the suspension of specie payments in 1837, Feuchtwanger issued store cards with his business address, and three-cent tokens for use in trade. It was during that period that he conceived the idea of a one-cent coin that could be used as a substitute for the copper cents and merchants tokens that he felt were dirty and ugly.

The cents that he produced during this period are his best known works. Collectors have long sought them as Pattern Cents, Hard Times Tokens, Early American Issues, or Store Cards. In that respect, the numismatic world seems to be divided on the true nature of these interesting pieces, but everyone agrees that they are becoming scarce, valuable and increasingly in demand.

Are these experimental coins or patterns? The answer seems to be closer to that than anything else, even though they were privately made.

They were certainly not illegal in 1837, because it was commonly accepted that small change coins could be privately produced at that time. Dr. Feuchtwanger was so proud of his superior coins that he petitioned the Secretary of the Treasury to allow him to make his coins for general circulation. He did receive approval, and produced approximately 500,000 coins that apparently circulated freely for many years.

Feuchtwanger cents are known to exist in all grades from uncirculated to worn smooth. Collectors never seem to get enough of them, and even search for the 13 known die varieties. Prices, as shown in the *Guide Book of United States Coins*, go up nearly every year.

Unfortunately, Feuchtwanger's German Silver was not adopted by the government even though it proved to be superior to copper. Twenty years after it had been rejected, the Mint proposed a similar-sized coin, alloy and design. Their formula for metal contained only 12% nickel and was far less satisfactory because it turned yellow with use. In 1866, after further experimentation, the Mint hit upon the mixture of 25% nickel and 75% copper that has been used ever since for "nickel" coins.

Feuchtwanger continued as a successful manufacturer of household goods for many years, but had his genius been acknowledged sooner, he might have been recorded as the originator of a brilliant idea that would have saved the government millions over the years.

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Kevin Foley, P.O. Box 589, Milwaukee, WI 53201, phone 414-421-3498. Past president of CSNS and major show organizer. Program on U.S. paper money, including national bank notes, fractional currency, large size notes and obsolete currency.

Robert Hatfield, 8728 Huron, Taylor, MI 48180, phone 313-292-8321. Past CSNS governor. Programs on medals and tokens, obsolete currency, ancient Roman coins, seated liberty coins and general numismatic topics.

Leon Hendrickson, P.O. Box 424, Winchester, IN 47394, phone 317-584-7481. Past president of CSNS and owner of SilverTowne. Programs on general numismatic topics.

Jerry Lebo, P.O. Box 841, Logansport, IN 46947, phone 574-753-2489. Current Secretary/Treasurer of CSNS and past president of Indianapolis Coin Club. Programs on general numismatic topics.

Ray Lockwood, 2075 E. Bocock Road, Marion, IN 46952, phone 765-664-6520. Past President of CSNS and of Indiana State Numismatic Association. Programs on bimetallic coins, "birth-year" collecting and topics of interest to young numismatists.

Marvin Mericle, P.O. Box 26, Prairie Creek, IN 47869. Current CSNS Vice President. Will speak on Military Payment Certificates and general paper money topics.

Harry Tileston, 901 Farmingham Road, Louisville, KY 40242, phone 502-244-2555. President of CSNS. Past president of Kentucky State Numismatic Association. Programs on U.S. type collecting, U.S. token collecting and foreign coins.

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Central Area Happenings

Johnson County Completes 36th Show

The Johnson County Numismatic Society (JCNS) of Lenexa, Kansas, held a very successful 36th annual coin, stamp and card show, the weekend of Oct. 16-17.

"It was a great show," according to Mark McWherter, show chairman, "with an estimated 800 collectors in attendance" The club held it's 7th annual YN auction where over 40 youngsters had the opportunity to bid on donated coins with "play money" provided by the club. Each YN received an ICG sample slabbed 2004 Peace nickel as part of the auction.

YN auction chairman, Kevin Schilling, said it was the best auction to date.

JCNS was organized in 1967 and has hosted the Central States Numismatic Society 1989 and 1996 conventions. It will be host next April for the American Numismatic Association's "National Money Show," April 8-10. Elongated Buffalo nickels have been produced to help advertise the ANA event.

Iowa State Installs New Slate

In a closely contested race for the presidency, 2nd VP Chris Seuntjens of Des Moines, beat 1st VP Brian Fanton of Hiawatha. Election results were announced during the state organization's Oct. 23-24 convention in Fort Dodge where more than 40 dealers filled the bourse room.

Available to be photographed were (front row, l. to r.) Scott Nichols, retiring president; Seuntjens, newly elected president; and Beverly Ashton, re-elected secretary-treasurer. Directors (standing) included Dean Parr, Denny Ross, Sam Ashton, Gordon Weber, Tom Robertson (historian); and Clarence Mitchell.

Also elected to director posts but not available for the picture were John Jackson, Lee Roe, Dale Dye, Steve Elwood, Doug Van Den Berg, Don McCulloch and David Stark.

Lake County Club Celebrates 50 Years

An Illinois numismatic group, the Lake County Coin Club of Gurnee, celebrated its 50th anniversary on July 13, with 44 members and guests in attendance. MC was Thomas Van Zeyl, with hobby authority Clifford Mishler as the featured speaker.

President Bill Spencer recognized the 50th anniversary committee members with a plaque for each. Attendees received a holder with two nickels, dated 1954 and 2004. Five rmembers won door prizes at the end of the event.

To commemorate the event, LCCC produced a one-ounce .999 fine silver round designed by member James Evans. The obverse bears an icon representing the club's 50th anniversary, while the reverse utilizes the 2003 state quarter design with COPY imprinted at the lower left.

The round sells for $15 each, or $14 if ordered in quantities of three or more, postpaid. A gold-plated version sells for $18, also postpaid.

Orders may be sent to LCCC, PO Box 452, Highwood, IL 60040-0452.

Appreciation plaques were presented to Lake County Coin Club's 50th anniversary committee members. From left to right are Jim Evans, George Efsen, Les Hannula, Don Taylor and Tom Van Zeyl.

Golden Club

The Logansport (IN) Coin Club received honors during the recent ANA / Pittsburgh "World's Fair of Money" for 50 years of continuous ANA membership. Club President David Colford (center) was on hand to accept the award from Adna Wilde, ANA treasurer (left), and Governor Alan Herbert.

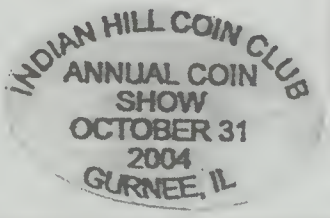
Cental Area Happenings

New Releases from Indian Hill

The Indian Hill Coin Club of Lake County, Illinois, has issued its latest in an on-going series of wooden collectibles.

An *elongated* wooden nickel featuring an "Indian warrior" was released for the club's recent '04 coin show. Club officials say, though, that this will be the last of an *elongated* wooden series. Additionally, a round "Buffalo Chip" was produced for show distribution.

Both collectibles are available - while supplies last - to collectors ($1.00, plus a SASE) from the club secretary, Mike Hanninen, 2400 Horeb Avenue, Zion, IL 60099. Hanninen can be contacted by phone at 847-872-2725.



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Business Briefs

Michigan Marks Capitol's 125th Anniversary

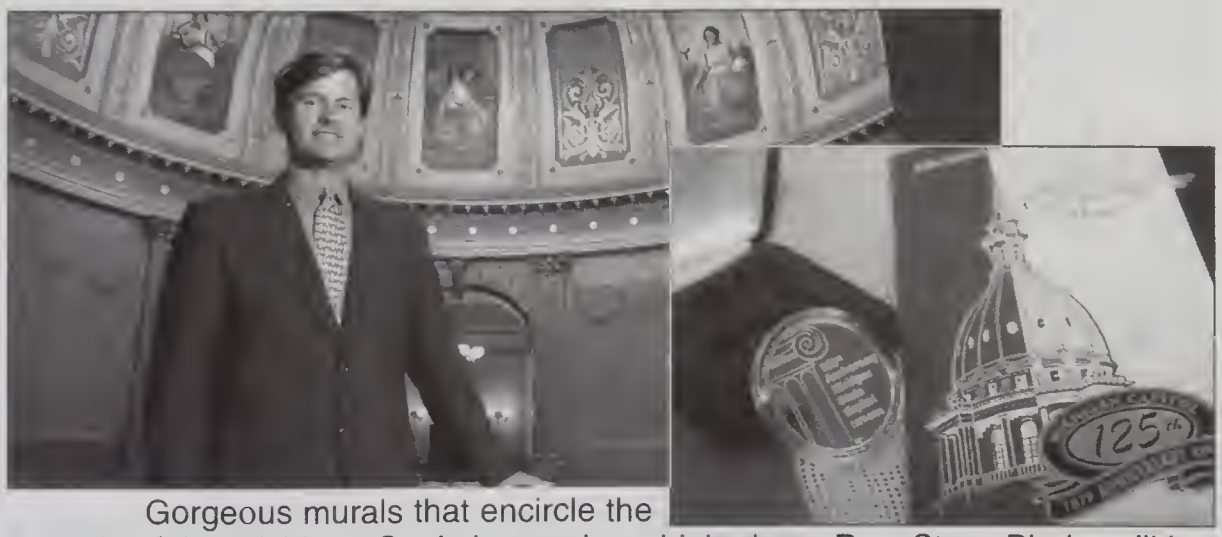
An official silver proof medal celebrating the 125th anniversary of the Michigan Capitol is available to collectors on a first come, first served basis. Struck under the authority of the Michigan Capitol Committee, the one-ounce silver dollar size commemoratives are identical in design to an aluminum medal given to visitors to the State Capitol during the 125th anniversary year.

The obverse depicts a full frontal view of the Michigan Capitol, one of the state's most widely recognized buildings for its architectural and artistic importance. The building was dedicated on January 1, 1879, and is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

On the reverse are a stylized column and the inscription "125th Anniversary Michigan State Capitol / 1879-2004." Designed by Rep. Steven M. Bieda, a member of the Capitol Committee and a designer of several privately issued medals, Bieda is known to collectors of modern commemorative coins as the designer of the reverse of the U. S. 1992 Olympic half dollar and as the architect of legislation for the 2004 Thomas Edison dollar.

The Michigan Capitol Committee, established by the Michigan Legislature in 1987, is charged with overseeing the Capitol Restoration Project. The committee's goal is not to create a museum, but rather to restore and retain the Capitol as the modern working seat of state government. Both the House of Representatives and the State Senate are represented on the committee.

The limited number of remaining medals - only 250 silver proofs were struck - is available at $57 each, postpaid, from "125th Capitol Coin Michigan Capitol Committee, PO Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48823." Checks should be made payable to the State of Michigan. All are encapsulated and housed in blue felt boxes.



Gorgeous murals that encircle the rotunda of the Michigan Capitol, seen here high above Rep. Steve Bieda, will be restored to their original splendor as monies derived from the sale of commemorative medals aid in restoration of the elegant state house in Lansing.

PCDA Honors Three

The Professional Currency Dealers Association (PCDA) presented its prestigious President's Award to author and educator Peter Huntoon during the recent PCD National & World Paper Money Show in St. Louis. The award recognizes individuals for their devotion to the hobby or to the organization, and for giving of their time, efforts and energy for the benefit and enjoyment of others. Because of its special nature, The President's Award is not conferred every year, and past recipients have included Gene Hessler in 1991 and Kevin Foley in 1998.

Huntoon has been active in paper money collecting and research for over four decades, has written several books on the subject, and has authored hundreds of articles which have appeared in numerous numismatic publications. His willingness to share his vast store of knowledge with others sets him apart as the consummate numismatist.

Retired from university teaching, first at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, and then the University of Wyoming, he is now able to devote more time to his numismatic research, specializing in paper money - particularly national currency - at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC and the National Archives. His ground-breaking research and wonderful storytelling abilities have made the subject more enjoyable and interesting to untold numbers of collectors. He also enjoys sharing his knowledge with others by conducting paper money classes at the ANA's summer seminar series, a program partially underwritten by the PCDA through scholarships and sponsorship of classes.

In addition to the award, Huntoon has been given a research grant by the PCDA as part of the organization's ongoing program to foster education and the dissemination of information to the public.

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PCDA also conferred its newly-instituted Literary Award on two individuals. The award is meant to recognize a significant work, or body of work, published during the course of the year regarding the subject of paper money. Unable to arrive at a single recipient for 2004, the board unanimously voted to present it to two individuals.

Don C. Kelly's name has become synonymous with national currency since publication of the Ohio collector and dealer's first edition of *National Bank Notes, A Guide with Prices* nearly 25 years ago. The statistical information provided in the book, along with realistic rarities and prices for individual national bank notes, has been a useful tool and valuable resource for thousands of collectors and dealers. The revised and updated 4th edition, along with a companion computer disk containing very specific data on nationals, was recently released.

The second recipient of the Literary Award was California collector and dealer Robert J. Kravitz for his book entitled *A Collector's Guide to Postage & Fractional Currency*. This is the first comprehensive book issued on the subject in over 25 years and was greatly welcomed by collectors of these tiny pieces of American financial history.

PCDA offers its membership directory, free of charge, listing names and specialties of over 100 of its members throughout the country. For a directory or for further information regarding the PCDA, contact its secretary, James A. Simek, at PO Box 7157, Westchester, IL 60154, or by phone at (630) 889-8207.

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U. S. Essay, Proof and Specimen Notes, 2nd Edition
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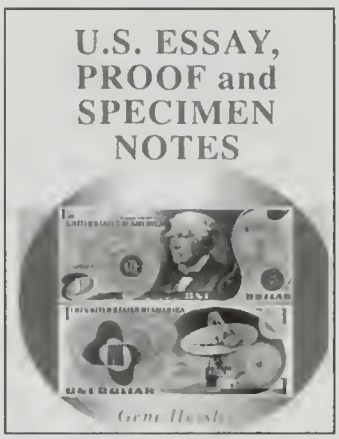
A "feast for the eyes" is how some collectors have described Gene Hessler's 2nd edition of *U. S. Essay, Proof and Specimen Notes*. The expanded 272-page volume is a "banquet" of remarkable bank note illustrations that have never been published before. For illustrations of U. S. paper money designs that "might have been" and rare issued notes that are shown here for the first time, this is the only source available. The 1st edition was published in 1979.



"Meticulously researched and written by the premier researcher of U. S. paper money of our generation, the new work rightfully deserves a prominent place along side Hessler's other standard and classic U. S. currency, engraving and bond volumes," writes Fred Reed, editor of *Paper Money*.

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There are very few remaining drawings and sketches that preceded the final design and ultimate engraving of bank notes. In these pages are examples of these rare images and references to the artists who created them.

Hessler, past editor of *Paper Money*, is the author of three additional books: *The Comprehensive Catalog of U. S. Paper Money; An Illustrated History of U. S. Loans, 1775-1898*; and *The Engravers Line*, with another to be published in 2005.

Price of the book is $40, or $95 for a limited collectors' edition, plus $4 shipping per order. Contact: BNR Press, 132 E. Second St., Port Clinton, OH 43452. Order online at www.papermoneyworld.net, or use PayPal (bnrpress@papermoneyworld.net).

Third Party Grading/Certification Services & Slab/Certificate Varieties by Michael Schmidt.

The reference commonly known as the "slab book" has been updated in a revised first edition printed in August, 2004, of the *Third Party Grading/Certification Services & Slab/Certificate Varieties*, authored by Michael Schmidt.

Containing 436 pages in 8.5 x 11-inch format and hundreds of images throughout, the book provides information on the evolution of certified grading from the 1960s through the present, emphasized by a year-by-year chronology. Grading highlights from each year 1968-2002 are listed.

The author provides information on dozens of coin grading firms alphabetically from A-Mark through World Coin Guarantee Service.

He separates the slabs into five classes: body bags, miscellaneous, novelty, presentation and sample holders. Each holder variety has its own identification number.

As Schmidt explained: "Slabs and slabbing are now thoroughly intertwined with the hobby of coin collecting, yet the slabs themselves have been strangely ignored. While today's collector is aware of the major services in operation today, most are completely in the dark about the companies that have come before, the lesser known companies still in operation, and the vast number of varieties of holders and certificates that have been used since the third-party services began."

The project started as research for his monthly column in *The Chatter,* published by the Old Fort Coin Club of Fort Wayne, IN.

The book is comb-bound with laminated cardboard covers, and sells for $29.95 plus $3.50 shipping from Conder 101, 227 W. Water St., Portland, IN 47371.

Coin Club Meetings

The following roster of CSNS member coin clubs is published for the convenience of collectors visiting the Central States area who may wish to attend a local club meeting. Individuals are urged to phone or e-mail ahead to confirm meeting times and locations.

ILLINOIS

Central Illinois Numismatic Association (CINA)...meets at 7:00 p.m. the 2nd Thursday each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, North Council #4175, 2801 West St., Springfield, IL. (No meetings in August or December.) Contact: Steve Butler, 217-528-7634.

Indian Hill Coin Club...meets the 2nd Wednesday each month, 8:00 p.m. at the Avon Township Hall on Washington St. in Round Lake Park, IL. Contact: Mike Hanninen, 847-872-2725.

Lake County Coin Club...meets at 7:30 p.m. the 1st Tuesday each month at the In-Laws Restaurant, 720 Milwaukee Ave., Gurnee, IL. (No meetings if 1st Tuesday conflicts with major holiday.) Contact: Les Hannula, 847-662-1955.

Oak Forest Numismatic Society... meets at 7:00 p.m. the 1st Thursday each month at Bremen Township Hall, 15350 Oak Park Ave., Oak Forest, IL. Contact: Howard Ribbentrop, 708-687-2919; e-mail: dianhow@aol.com.

Rockford Area Coin Club...meets at 6:30 p.m. the 3rd Thursday each month at the Loves Park Library, 6340 No. 2nd St., Loves Park, IL. Contact: Don Smith, 815-624-0422; e-mail: http://www.exonumia.com/racc.htm.

Will County Coin Club...meets at 7:30 p.m. the 1st Thursday each month at Ramada Inn Limited, I-80 & Houbolt Rd., Joliet, IL. Contact: Mark Wieclaw, 815-485-4137.

INDIANA

Calumet Numismatic Society...meets in Highland, IN on the 3rd Wednesday each month at the Highland Public Library, 2841 Jewett St. (No meetings in January or February.) Contact: Mrs. Daisy Talley, secretary/treasurer, 219-942-1349.

Logansport Coin Club...meets on the 3rd Wednesday each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Logansport Public Library, 7th & Broadway, Logansport, IN. Contact: Dave Colford, 574-753-9887.

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Marion Coin Club...meets the 1st Monday each month at 7:00 p.m. -except June and July at 6:30 p.m.-at the Marion Public Library, 600 So. Washington St., Marion, IN. Contact: Ray Lockwood, 765-664-6520.

Muncie Coin & Stamp Club...meets at 7:00 p.m. the 2nd Tuesday each month at the Minnestria Cultural Center (on Minnestria Parkway just off Wheeling Ave.) Contact: Ray Saylor, 765-288-0371.

Old Fort Coin Club... meets every 2nd Thursday, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 4700 Vance Ave., Fort Wayne, IN. Contact: 260-482-9890.

Wabash Valley Coin Club...meets at 7:00 p.m. the 4th Tuesday each month in the basement of the Vigo County Library, corner of 6th & Popular, Terre Haute, IN. Contact: Marvin Mericle, 812-898-1260, or e-mail: marv626@att.net.

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Ames Coin Club... meets the last Wednesday each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Heartland Senior Citizen Center, 205 Walnut. Contact: Scott Nichols, 515-232-9222 or 515-291-8352.

Cedar Rapids Coin Club...meets the 3rd Wednesday each month-except June and July-at Papich-Kuba Annex, 1300 Second St. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA. Contact: Dean Parr, 319-366-0552, or e-mail: drparr@mchsi.com. Website: http://crcc.anaclubs.org.

KANSAS

Johnson County Numismatic Society...meets at 7:15 p.m. the 3rd Thursday each month at the Lenexa Community Center, Pflumm Rd. at Santa Fe Trail Dr., Lenexa, KS. (No meeting-coin show only-in October.) Contact: Mark McWherter, 913-649-7070 (days) or 913-764-0386 (evenings).

Salina Coin Club...meets the 2nd Thursday each month at the VFW Post #1432, 1108 W. Crawford St., Salina, KS except for picnic in Sept., coin show in Oct., and party in Dec. Contacts: Larry Hower, 785-452-9331; Joe Ayotte, 785-825-0706.

KENTUCKY

Louisville Coin Club...meets the 3rd Sunday each month-except December-at 2:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Downtown, 2nd & Broadway, Louisville, KY. Contact: Harry Tileston. 502-244-2555.

MICHIGAN

Dearborn Coin Club...meets the 1st Tuesday of September thru June at the Ross McFadden House in Dearborn, MI. (No meetings in July or August.) Contact: 313-563-6437.

Kalamazoo Numismatic Club...meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., at the Westminster Presbyterian Church (children's choir room), 1515 Helen St., Kalamazoo, MI. (Auctions on 2nd Wed.; educational programs on 4th. No 4th Wed. meetings in Nov. and Dec.) Contact: Roxanne Nigg, 269-349-5383.

Lincoln Coin Club...meets 2nd & 4th Mondays (except on major holidays) at the Polish Falcons Meeting Hall, Toledo-Dix, in Southgate, MI. Contact: Troy Haarala, 313-381-1287.

Northwest Detroit Coin Club...meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 15218 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI. (No meetings during summer months.) Contact: Donald F. Priebe, 734-425-9225.

The Polish American Numismatic Society...meets at 1:30 p.m. on the 1st Saturday of each month at the American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple Rd. (at Dequindre), Troy, MI. Contact: Les Rosik, PANS President, 248-909-2670.

MINNESOTA

College City Coin Club...meets the 1st Wednesday each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Northfield Community Center, Senior Citizens Hall, 1651 Jefferson Pky., Northfield, MN. Contact: Jerry Swanson, 507-289-5099.

Owatonna Coin & Stamp Club...meets the 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Place, Park & Rec. Dept., 500 Dunnell Dr., Owatonna, MN. (No meetings in July, August or December.) Contact: Dean Jirousek, 507-455-2484.

Rochester Area Coin Club...meets the last Wednesday each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center, Rooms 2A & B, 101-4th St. SE, Rochester, MN. Contact: Jerry Swanson, 507-289-5099.

NEBRASKA

Lincoln Coin Club...meets the 2nd Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Hampton Inn So., 5922 Vandervoort Dr. (59th & Old Cheney Rd. (behind Lazlow's), Lincoln, NE. Contact: Barry Nowak, 402-483-4499.

Omaha Coin Club...meets the 3rd Friday with YN meeting at 7:00 p.m. and regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the New Cassel Retirement Center, 900 No. 90th St., Omaha, NE. Contact: Ron Matson, 402-895-7715.

NORTH DAKOTA

Capital City Coin Club...meets at 7:00 p.m. the 1st Tuesday of September thru May at the Bismarck Public Library, Bismarck, ND. Contacts: Larry Schneider, 701-258-9438 or capitalcitycoinclub@bis.midco.net.

Red River Valley Coin Club...meets from Labor Day to Memorial Day (no summer meetings) every 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., at the Moorhead (MN) Public Library, 118 - 5th St. So. Contact: Bill O'Brien, PO Box 10731, Fargo, ND 58106; 701-239-4827.

OHIO

CNS / COINS (Columbus)...meets the 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. at the Grandview High School cafeteria. (Picnic in August; Christmas dinner in December.) Contact: Evan Brill, secretary, 614-451-5055.

WISCONSIN

Kenosha Coin Club...meets the 1st Thursday each month (no meetings in July and August), 7:00 p.m. at Kenosha Union Hall, 3030 -39th Ave., Kenosha, WI. Contact: Jerry Binsfeld, 262-657-4653 days; 262-654-6272 nights.

Milwaukee Numismatic Society...meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday at Mayfair Mall Community Room, 2500 No. Mayfair Rd. in Wauwatosa, WI. (Use entrance #2 on east side of mall). Contact: Bruce Benoit, 414-282-8128. E-mail: benwab@sbcglobal.net.

Nicolet Coin Club...meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. at Stein Supper Club, 126 So. Adams, Green Bay, WI. Contact: Don Long, 920-468-7760.

Ozaukee Coin Club...meets at 7:00 p.m. on 2nd Thursday at Rose Harms Legion Post, 1540 - 13th Ave., Grafton, WI. Contact: John Helm, 262-376-9503, PO Box 832, Cedarburg, WI 53012.

Racine Numismatic Society...meets the 2nd Thursday each month (no meetings in July and August), 7:00 p.m. at Castlewood Restaurant, 2815 Wisconsin St. (across from Amtrak Depot), Sturtevant, WI . Contact: Jerry Binsfeld, 262-657-4653 days; 262-654-6272 nights.

South Shore Coin Club...meets at 7:30 p.m. the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except no meetings in July and August) at St. Roman's Church Annex, 1710 W. Bolivar Ave., Milwaukee, WI. Contact: Bruce Benoit, 414-282-8128. E-mail: benwab@sbcglobal.net.

Waukesha Coin Club...meets at 7:00 p.m. the 1st Wednesday at the Waukesha Salvation Army office, 445 Madison St., Waukesha, WI. Contact: Forrest Schumacher, 262-524-3227. E-mail: fschumacher@wi.rr.com.

Show Calendar

The "Coin Show Calendar" is a regular feature of each issue of The Centinel *and is intended to assist collectors and dealers in planning their future show attendance and to aid show sponsors in avoiding date conflicts.*

Show Offlcials: Send complete information regarding your coming event to The Centinel *well in advance - 6 to 18 months - and include dates, official name, sponsoring club name, location and address, and contact person's name, mailing and/or e-mail address, and telephone/fax number to the Editor, P.O. Box 296, lola, WI 54945.*

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New York, NY - Jan. 13-16
New York International Numismatic Convention. Waldorf Astoria Hotel, 301 Park Ave. Kevin Foley, 414-421-3484.

Muncie, IN - Jan. 23
Muncie Coin & Stamp Club's 47th Annual Show. Horizon Convention Center, 401 So. High St. Ray Saylor, PO Box 1184, Muncie, IN 47305. 765-288-0371.

Houston, TX - Jan. 28-30
48th Annual Money Show of the Southwest. George R. Brown Convention Center, 1001 Avenida de las Americas. Contact: Carl Schwenker, 281-586-9727.

Fargo, ND - Jan. 29-30
45th Annual Red River Valley Coin Club Coin & Stamp Show. Doublewood Inn, 3333 - 13th Ave. So. Robert D. Hanna, 3626 Westmoor Dr., Moorhead, MN 56560. 701-298-3262, ext. 125.

Rochester, MN - Feb. 13
Rochester Coin Club's Annual Valentine Coin & Stamp Show. Comfort Inn Conference Ctr., 1625 So. Broadway. Jerry Swanson, PO Box 565, Rochester, MN 55903. 507-289-5099.

Troy, MI - Feb. 20
Polish American Numismatic Society Annual Coin Show. American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple Rd. at Dequindre. Contact: Les Rosik, PANS President, 248-909-2670.

Nevada, IA - Feb. 26-27
Mid IA Coin-A-Rama. Gates Memorial Hall, 825 - 15th St. Scott Nichols, Box 268, Ames, IA 50010. 515-232-9222 or 291-8352.

Battle Creek, MI - Feb. 27
Battle Creek Coin Club Show. Comfort Inn, 2590 Capital SW. Mike Monroe, 124 Redbird Ln., Battle Creek, MI 49017. 269-964-3832.

Franksville, WI - Feb. 27
Racine Numismatic Society 67th Annual Coin Show. So. Hills Country Club, 3047 Hwy. 94 (East Frontage Rd. between Hwys. K & 20). Jerry Binsfeld, 6040 - 39th Ave., Suite 7, Kenosha, WI 53142. 262-657-4653 e-mail: Jerome_747@yahoo.com.

Chattanooga, TN - Mar. 4-6
Tennessee State Numismatic Society Annual Spring Coin Show. Camp Jordan Arena, I-75, Exit 1. Gayle Pike, Box 11705, Memphis, TN 38111. 901-327-1703; e-mail: Pikegk@aol.com.

Flint, MI - Mar. 6
Flying Eagle Coin Club Spring Show. Ramada Inn & Conf. Center, 4300 Pierson Rd. (I-75 exit 122). Dan Freeland, PO Box 195, Mayville, MI 48744. 989-843-5247.

Madison, WI - Mar. 6
Madison Coin Club's 73rd Annual Coin Show. Sheraton Hotel, 706 John Nolan Dr. Jim Essence, 702 N. Midvale Blvd., B-10, Madison, WI 53705. 608-233-2118.

Watseka, IL - Mar. 6
Wat-Cha-Kee Spring Coin Club Show. Celebrations Banquet Ctr., 209 W. Oak St. John Tonner, 550 E. Mulberry St., Watseka, IL 60970. 815-432-6439.

Show Calendar

Cedar Rapids, IA - Mar. 13
Cedar Rapids Coin Club Annual Spring Coin Show. Elk's Lodge, 801 - 33rd Ave. SW. Dave Vaughn, PO Box 2277, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406. 319-366-5463.

Brookfield, WI - Mar. 13
Waukesha Coin Club's 36th Annual Coin Show. American Legion Hall, 3245 No. 124th St. Tom Snyder, 801 Northview Rd., Waukesha, WI 53188. 262-542-5990 (days), 414-476-8128 (evenings).

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Marysville Coin Club Annual Coin Show. American Legion Hall, 299 E. Huron Blvd. Jack Lavis, PO Box 302, Marysville, MI 48040. 810-982-2100.

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Central Illinois Numismatic Association's Annual Spring Show. Northfield Center I, 3210 Northfield Dr. Steve Butler, 1712 So. First St., Springfield, IL 62704. 217-528-7634.

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Gurnee, IL - Mar. 27
Lake County Coin Club Annual Coin Show. Warren High School, 500 No. O'Plaine Rd. Les Hannula, 2210 Crescent Pl., Waukegan, IL 60085. 847-662-1955.

Milwaukee, WI - Mar. 31-Apr. 2
South Shore Coin Club's 41st Annual Club Show. Sheraton Four Points Hotel, 4747 So. Howell Ave. Bruce Benoit or Walter Weis, 3250 So. 15th Pl., Milwaukee, WI 53215. 414-282-8128 or 414-384-7966.

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Show Calendar

Kalamazoo, MI - Apr. 2
Kalamazoo Coin Club's Annual Spring Coin Show. Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds, County Center Bldg., Room E, 2900 Lake St. Roxanne Nigg, 2333 Hillsdale Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49006. 269-349-5383 (evenings).

Mitchell, SD - Apr. 2-3
54th Annual SD Coin & Stamp Association Convention (hosted by Palace City Coin & Stamp Club). Holiday Inn, 1525 W. Havens Ave. (Reservations: 800-888-4702.) Byron L. Reed, byronreed@byronreed.com.

Royal Oak, MI - Apr. 3
Royal Oak Coin Club's '05 Spring Coin Show. Royal Oak Community/Senior Center, 3500 Marias Rd.

Kansas City, MO - Apr. 8-10
American Numismatic Association's "National Money Show." Hyatt Regency Crown Center Exhibit Hall, 2345 McGee St. Contact: ANA Convention Dept., 818 No. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903. 719-632-2646.

Bismarck, ND - Apr. 9-10
Capital City Coin Club's 36th Annual Spring Coin Show. Amvets Post #9, 2402 Railroad Ave. Larry P. Schneider, PO Box 364, Bismarck, ND 58502. 701-258-9438. E-mail: bismarckgoldsilv@qwest.net.

Dearborn, MI - Apr. 15-17
Michigan State Numismatic Society's Annual Spring Convention & Coin Show. Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1 Fairlane Drive. Don Charters, PO Box 87931, Canton, MI 48187. 734-721-4991.

Lincoln, NE - Apr. 16-17
Nebraska State's 50th Anniversary Show (hosted by NNA and Lincoln Coin Club.) Villager Best Western Hotel, 52nd & O St. David F. Willsie, PO Box 6711, Lincoln, NE 68506. 402-483-2868.

Rosemont, IL - Apr. 21-24
30th Annual Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF). Holiday Inn O'Hare Hotel, 5440 No. River Road. Kevin Foley, PO Box 589, Milwaukee, WI 53201. 414-421-3484.

Salina, KS - Apr. 22-23
Salina Coin Club's Spring Coin & Stamp Show. VFW Club, 1108 W. Crawford. Contact: Carl Adrian, Box 478, Salina, KS 67402-0478. 785-827-9766. E-mail: sp-coin@swbell.net.

Tukwila, WA - Apr. 29-May 1
56th Annual Pacific Northwest Numismatic Assn. (PNNA) Convention & Coin Show. Tukwila Community Center, 12424 - 42nd Ave. So., Tukwila, Washington. Scott Loos, PO Box 2210, North Bend, WA 98045. 425-831-8789; e-mail: scottloos@msn.com.

Windsor, Ont. - May 1
Windsor Coin Club Annual Spring Show. Caboto Club, 2175 Parent Ave., Windsor, Ontario, Canada. M. Clarke. 519-735-0727; e-mail: mclarke@wincom.net.

Fremont, NE - May 1
46th Annual Fremont Coin Club Coin Show. City Auditorium, 9th & Hwy. 77. Bob Missel, 517 N. Main St., Fremont, NE 68025. 402-727-1531.

Green Bay, WI - May 1
Nicolet Coin Club's Annual Spring Coin Show. Comfort Suites/Rock Garden, 1951 Bond St. Roger Bohn, 1345 Ponderosa Ave., Green Bay, WI 54313. 920-499-7035.

St. Louis, MO - May 6-8
Central States Numismatic Society's 66th Anniversary Convention. The America's Center, 701 Convention Plaza. Gen. info: Kevin Foley, 414-421-3484. Bourse info: Jerry Lebo, 574-753-2489; e-mail: lebo@clss.net.

Show Calendar

Monroeville, PA - May 13-15
Spring PAN (PA Assn. of Numismatists) Coin Show. Pittsburgh Expomart, Rt. 22 (PA Turnpike Exit 57, old exit 6). John Paul Sarosi, 106 Market St., Johnstown, PA 15901. 814-535-5766.

Iola, WI - May 20-21
Numismatists of Wisconsin 45th Anniversary Celebration. Host: Chet Krause. Show chairman: Cliff Mishler, 715-445-5050. Bourse chairman: Joel Edler, 715-445-2214.

Columbus, OH - May 20-21
Ohio State Numismatic Association's 2nd Annual Coin Show. Franklin Co. Veteran's Memorial Hall, 300 W. Broad St. OSNA, PO Box 784, Twinsburg, OH 44087. www.eosha.org.

Rosemont, IL - June 23-26
24th Annual MidAmerica Coin Expo. Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 No. River Rd. Kevin Foley, 414-421-3484.

Calgary, Alberta, Canada - July 20-24
Canadian Numismatic Association's 52nd Annual Convention. Westin Hotel / Downtown, (phone 403-266-1611), 320 - 4th Ave. SW. Co-Chairmen: Earl Salterio, 403-209-0744. ejsalter@calcna.ab.ca; Chris Clifton, 403-381-1850, clifton@agt.net.

Springfield, IL - July 24
Central Illinois Numismatic Association's Annual Summer Coin Show. Northfield Center I, 3210 Northfield Drive. Steve Butler, 1712 So. First St., Springfield, IL 62704. 217-528-7634.

San Jose, CA - July 27-31
American Numismatic Association's 114th Anniversary Convention. Contact: ANA Convention Dept., 818 No. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903. 719-632-2646.

Dearborn, MI - Aug. 26-28
Michigan State Numismatic Society (hosting Central States Numismatic Society). Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1 Fairlane Drive. Don Charters, PO Box 87931, Canton, MI 48187. 734-721-4991.

Jeffersonville, IN - Sept. 16-18
Kentucky State Numismatic Association's 45th Annual Coin Show, sponsored by Louisville Coin Club. Ramada Inn Riverside, 700 W. Riverside Dr., Jeffersonville, IN. Harry Tileston, PO Box 43744, Louisville, KY 40253-0744. 502-244-2555.

Cincinnati, OH - Sept. 30-Oct. 1
22nd Annual Greater Cincinnati Numismatic Expo. Sharonville Convention Ctr., I-75 Exit 15. Paul Padget, 7641 Reinhold Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45237. 513-821-2143.

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Show Calendar

Cedar Rapids, IA - Oct. 8-9
Iowa Numismatic Association's 67th Annual Show & Convention, hosted by Cedar Rapids Coin Club. Crown Plaza Five Seasons Hotel, 350 - 1st Ave. NE. Dave Vaughn, PO Box 2277, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406. 319-366-5463 or 319-294-4377.

St. Louis, MO - Oct. 13-15
St. Louis Silver Dollar & Rare Coin Expo. Greater St. Charles Convention Ctr., 1 Convention Ctr. Plz. Julie Woodside, 11262 Olive Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63141. 314-692-2646.

Brooklyn Center, MN - Oct. 14-16
Minnesota Organization of Numismatists (MOON) Convention. Earle Brown Heritage Center, 6155 Earle Brown Dr. Jay Darby, PO Box 7323, Rochester, MN 55903. 507-250-5787.

Monroeville, PA - Oct. 21-23
Fall PAN (PA Assn. of Numismatists) Coin Show. Pittsburgh Expomart, Rt. 22 (PA Turnpike Exit 57, old Exit 6). John Paul Sarosi, 106 Market St., Johnstown, PA 15901. 814-535-5766.

Muskegon, MI - Oct. 22
Muskegon Coin Club's Fall '05 Coin Show. Roberts Hall, 4095 Grand Haven Rd. Butch Coulier, 9359 Besser Ct., Montague, MI 49437. 231-893-0922.

Cedarburg, WI - Oct. 23
Ozaukee Coin Club 1st Annual Coin Show. Circle B Recreation, 6261 Hwy. 60 (3 1/2 miles west of I-43), Cedarburg. Show contacts: Nels Olsen, 262-376-5182, or John Helm, 262-376-9503.

Indianapolis, IN - Nov. 4-5
Indiana State Numismatic Association's 47th Annual Coin Show. New Liberty Hall, Marriott Hotel, 7202 E. 21st & Shadeland Ave. Joyce Fischer, 1123 W. 8th St., Anderson, IN 46016. 765-649-0253. E-mail: kycolonels@insightbb.com.

Kalamazoo, MI - Nov. 5
Kalamazoo Coin Club's Annual Fall Show. Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds, County Center Bldg., Room E, 2900 Lake St. Roxanne Nigg, 2333 Hillsdale Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49006. 269-349-5383.

Livonia, MI - Nov. 6
Northwest Detroit Coin Club Fall Show. Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Rd. Donald F. Priebe, 16701 Yorkshire, Livonia, MI 48154. 734-425-9225.

Windsor, Ontario, Canada - Nov. 13
Windsor Coin Club Annual Fall Show. Caboto Club, 2175 Parent Ave., Windsor, Ontario, Canada. M. Clarke. 519-735-0727 e-mail: mclarke@wincom.net.

St. Louis, MO - Nov. 16-19
20th Annual National & World Paper Money Convention. St. Louis Airport Hilton Hotel. Kevin Foley, 414-421-3484.

Dearborn, MI - Nov. 25-27
Michigan State Numismatic Society's 50th Anniversary Thanksgiving Convention. Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1 Fairlane Dr. Don Charters, PO Box 87931, Canton, MI 48187. 734-721-4991.

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Dearborn, MI - Apr. 7-9, 2006
Michigan State Numismatic Society's Annual Spring Convention. Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1 Fairlane, Drive. Don Charters, PO Box 87931, Canton, MI 48187. 734-721-4991.

Monroeville, PA - May 12-14, 2006
Spring PAN (PA Assn. of Numismatists) Coin Show. Pittsburgh Expomart, Rt. 22 (PA Turnpike Exit 57, old exit 6). John Paul Sarosi, 106 Market St., Johnstown, PA 15901. 814-535-5766.

Brooklyn Center, MN - Oct. 13-15, 2006
MN Organization of Numismatists (MOON) Annual Coin Show. Earle Brown Heritage Ctr., 6155 Earle Brown Dr. Jay Darby, PO Box 7323, Rochester, MN 55903. 507-202-3390.

Show Calendar

Monroeville, PA - Oct. 27-29, 2006
Fall PAN (PA Assn of Numismatists) Coin Show. Pittsburgh Expomart, Rt.22 (PA Turnpike Exit 57, old exit 6). John Paul Sarosi, 106 Market St., Johnstown, PA 15901. 814-535-5766.

Indianapolis, IN - Nov. 3-4, 2006
Indiana State Numismatic Association's 48th Annual Show. New Liberty Hall, Marriott Hotel, 7202 E. 21st & Shadeland Ave. Joyce Fischer, 1123 W. 8th St., Anderson, IN 46016. 765-649-0253. E-mail: kycolonels@insightbb.com.

Dearborn, MI - Nov. 24-26, 2006
Michigan State Numismatic Society's 51st Anniversary Thanksgiving Convention. Hyatt Regency, 1 Fairlane Drive. Don Charters, PO Box 87931, Canton, MI 48187. 734-721-4991.

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Dearborn, MI - Apr. 13-15, 2007
Michigan State Numismatic Society's Annual Spring Convention. Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1 Fairlane Drive. Don Charters, PO Box 87931, Canton, MI 48187. 734-721-4991.

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Indiana State Numismatic Association's 49th Annual Show. New Liberty Hall, Marriott Hotel, 7202 E. 21st & Shadeland Ave. Joyce Fischer, 1123 W. 8th St., Anderson, IN 46016. 765-649-0253. E-mail: kycolonels@insightbb.com.

Dearborn, MI - Nov. 23-25, 2007
Michigan State Numismatic Society's 52nd Anniversary Thanksgiving Convention. Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1 Fairlane Drive. Don Charters, PO Box 87931, Canton, MI 48187. 734-721-4991.

Future CSNS Conventions

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2005 - August 26-28 ..... Dearborn, MI
2006 - April 27-30 ..... Columbus, OH
2007 - May 10-13 ..... St. Louis, MO

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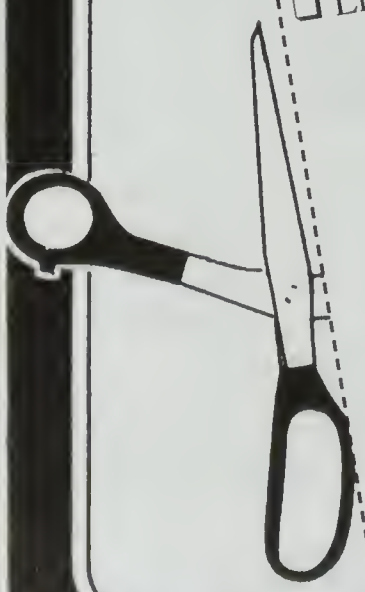

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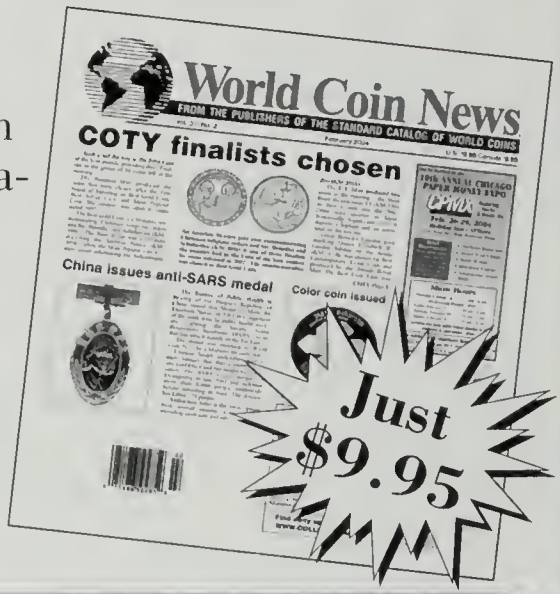
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